

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Humanitarian Law
Status: Definitive
Code: **5504IRICBT** (128523)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: International College of Business and Technology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 15
Total Delivered Hours: 45
Total Learning Hours: 150
Private Study: 105

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	45

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3000 word essay	100	

Aims

The aim of this module is to teach students the development and operation of international humanitarian law that regulates conduct during armed conflict. It focuses on key issues international humanitarian law and its application, enabling students to examine the historical and theoretical developments, sources, fundamental principles and objectives of the rules governing both international and internal armed conflicts.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, its relationship with other branches of international law
- 2 Evaluate political and cultural factors which influence the development and application of international humanitarian law
- 3 Evaluate the application of humanitarian law in different contexts

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

3000 word essay	1	2	3
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Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to the Law of Armed Conflict: General Concepts and History*
2. *Classification of Armed Conflicts and Commencement/Termination of Hostilities*
3. *Status Based Rules: Combatants and PoWs*
4. *Rules Governing Hostilities I: Military Objectives*
5. *Rules Governing Hostilities II: Civilians and the Principle of Proportionality*
6. *Non-International Armed Conflicts*
7. *International Human Rights Law & International Humanitarian Law*
8. *Terrorism Suppression & International Humanitarian Law*
9. *ICRC and International Humanitarian Law*

Learning Activities

Lectures

Notes

Recommended reading:

Crawford, E. and Pert, A., (2015), *International Humanitarian Law*, Cambridge University Press

Solis, G. D., (2016), *The Law of Armed Conflict: International Humanitarian Law of War*, 2nd edition, Cambridge University Press